

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.73(b)(2), without prejudice or disclaimer, please amend claims 7, 9 and 20 as follows:

7. (Amended) A method of decreasing a risk of mortality caused by congestive heart failure in a patient, said method comprising administering to said patient first dosages once or twice daily, for a period of from 7 to 28 days, said first dosages each comprising carvedilol in an amount of about 3.125 mg or 6.25 mg, then administering to said patient second dosages once or twice daily, for a period of from 7 to 28 days, said second dosages each comprising carvedilol in an amount of about 12.5 mg, and then administering to said patient maintenance third dosages once or twice daily, said third dosages each comprising carvedilol in an amount of about 25.0 mg or about 50.0 mg.

9. (Amended) A method of treating to decrease a risk of mortality resulting from congestive heart failure in a patient in need of such treatment, said method comprising administering to said patient carvedilol, alone or in combination with at least one other therapeutic agent, in unit dosages once or twice daily, for a period of from 7 to 28 days, said unit dosages each comprising a pharmaceutical formulation comprising carvedilol in an amount of about 3.125 mg or about 6.25 mg.

20. (Amended) A method of decreasing a risk of mortality caused by congestive heart failure in a patient, said method comprising administering to said patient first dosages once or twice daily, for a period of from 7 to 28 days, said first dosages each comprising carvedilol in an amount of about 3.125 mg,

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said third dosages each comprising carvedilol in an amount of about 25.0 mg or
about 50.0 mg.